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STORY

［前巻までのお話］女性の膨乳を吸うことで、特定元素を自在に操ることができる能力者、その名もクェイサー。至撃女撃生態の中、サーシャのクローンであるスィディマーヤ＝マースカと、復活した膨によってアトスは大混乱に。ついに至撃女アガサが膨殺される事態へと発膨する。アトスはアデプトの拠点への派兵を決定するが、その作膨にはサーシャも参加させられることに――。

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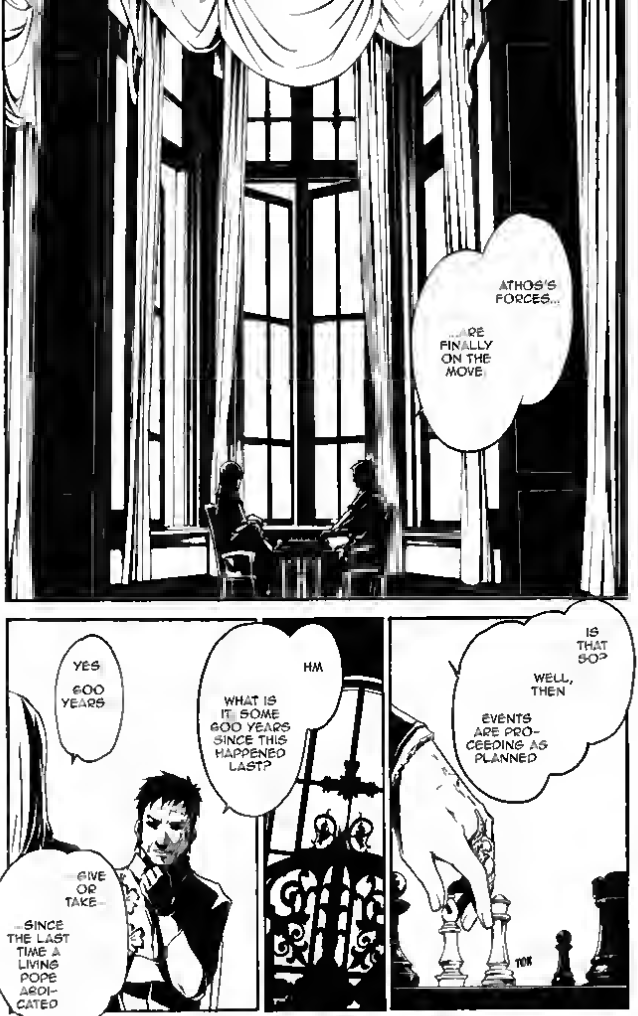
Chapter 78: Where the Wind Blows



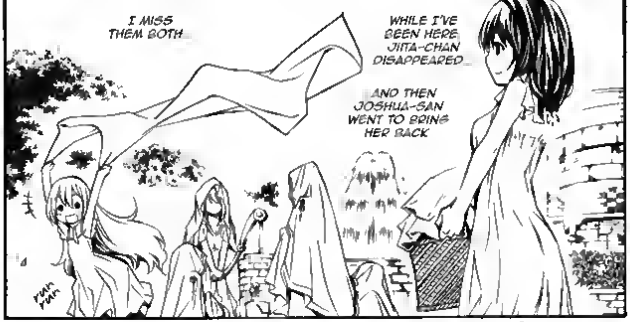
FUN FACT: JUST A SHORT WHILE BEFORE THIS CHAPTER WAS PUBLISHED THE THEN-CURRENT POPE, BENEDICT XVI, ACTUALLY RESIGNED, CHANGING THE TIME SINCE IT LAST HAPPENED FROM 600 YEARS TO JUST A COUPLE OF MONTHS! /TN

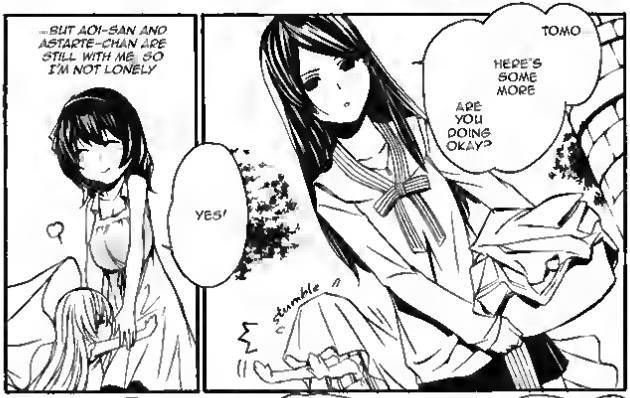
SO ALL THE PIECES ARE FALLING INTO PLACE, HUH?
CLICK

...CARDINAL GREGORIO EFMENIUS

CHECK.
TOK
THEN THE MAGNOLIA PLAN WILL ALSO TAKE EFFECT SOON.
AND WHEN THAT HAP-PENS...
THERE WILL BE NO TURNING BACK...

MY NAME IS YAMANOBE TOMO
HELLO, EVERYONE!
IT'S FEELS LIKE SUCH A LONG TIME SINCE I CAME TO LIVE HERE IN MAGNOLIA
OH I SEE!
LOOK, TOMO!
MORE LAUNDRY!
flutter


I MISS THEM BOTH
WHILE I'VE BEEN HERE, JINTA-CHAN DISAPPEARED
AND THEN JOSHUA-SAN WENT TO BRING HER BACK
pun pun


...BUT AOI-SAN AND ASTARTE-CHAN ARE STILL WITH ME, SO I'M NOT LONELY
YES!
TOMO
HERE'S SOME MORE
ARE YOU DOING OKAY?
stumble

OH... DON'T BE SO HARD ON HIM!
AFTER ALL, WE RARELY GET THINGS FROM THE OUTSIDE
SO SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAD TO HAPPEN SOONER OR LATER!
I SWEAR...
AS THE HEAD CARETAKER OF THIS PLACE, ROSTAM'S TURNED OUT TO BE A COMPLETE DISASTER!
WELL, IT'S OFFICIAL
WE'RE ALL OUT OF DETERGENT FOR THE FEW WASHING MACHINES THAT STILL WORK

YOU KNOW
I CAN'T COOK AT ALL! I'D TRY, BUT I COULD BURN WATER!
BUT IF THERE'S ONE THING I'M BETTER AT THAN MAFUYU-CHAN IT'S WASHING CLOTHES...
SO LET ME TAKE CARE OF THIS!
Pat
ME TOO!
squish
splash

HERE IN MAGNOLIA

VERY WELL
THEN I SHALL LEAVE THIS IN YOUR CAPABLE HANDS!

THERE ARE OTHER APOSTLES THAN JUST AOI-SAN
THERE'S DOUKAN-SAN WHO LOVES FLOWERS AND GARDENING
AND LITTLE MILK-CHAN, WHOM I'VE NEVER SEEN WITHOUT HER MASK
float
HMM

AND THEN THERE ARE ALL THE HIGH MARIAS. THE GIRLS WHO ARE POTENTIAL MOTHERS OF THE COMING MESSIAH (BUT I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND HOW IT WORKS).
SO THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING GOING ON AND SOMETHING FUN TO DO!
FLAP!
COH-COLD!
!!

wipe wipe
OH DEAR!
I'M SO SORRY, ROSTAM-KUN!
I'M... I'M OKAY!
REALLY, PLEASE, DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!
...?!
WHOOSH
GUH?
KYAA!
FOOM
Press!

YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU NEEDED TO CLEAR YOUR MIND
MY YOUNG IDIOT DISCIPLE
THUD
AH...
MY MISTRESS OF THE RUSTLING LEAVES
THIS IS ROSTAM-KUN
HE'S THE NEW CARETAKER OF MAGNOLIA
YES!
I'M SORRY, TEACHER!
bow
ALL THIS OVER A LITTLE SPLASH OF WATER ROSTAM?
YOU COULD'VE STOPPED THE DROPLETS BEFORE THEY HIT YOU!
WE MAY BOTH BE OXYGEN USERS
BUT THIS IS WHY I CALL YOU "ISOTOPE"

ROSTAM-KUN IS A QWASER WITH THE SAME KIND OF POWER AS AOI-SAN
I WON'T ACCEPT YOUR APOLOGY
UNTIL YOU'VE NEGATED THIS!
WHOOSH
BUT THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM
YES TEACHER!
FOOM
SSSHH
..!!
HIS POWER IS A LOT WEAKER
SO HE'S CALLED "ISOTOPE" BECAUSE HE'S THE SAME BUT DIFFERENT
HE'S NOT AN APOSTLE
INSTEAD HE DOES THE SAME WORK JOSHUA-SAN USED TO DO BEFORE HE LEFT TO FIND JIITA-CHAN

TROUBLE BREATHING?
YOUR POWER CAN ONLY MANIFEST ITSELF AT MOST ABOUT THREE MILLI-METERS OUTSIDE YOUR BODY...
SO USE THAT.
WORK WITHIN YOUR LIMITA-TIONS.
IF YOUR POWER CAN ONLY COVER YOUR SKIN...
*tremble
THEN SIMPLY REACH INTO MY WIND.
INTERRUPT IT, DIVERT IT, ALTER THE STREAM.
SSSSSSSSSS
REEEEE
haah
haah

SSHHFFFT
HA!
HE'S A VERY SERIOUS BOY AND HE ALWAYS DOES HIS BEST
I WONDER IF HE'S THE SAME AGE AS SASHA-KUN?
VERY GOOD
JUST APPLY YOUR-SELF
THANK YOU...
...TEACHER
OR
SHOULD I SAY AOI AND YUU?
YOU'VE BECOME AN EXCELLENT TEACHER AOI

JUST NOW.
BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER.
YOU KNOW THE SITUATION WE'RE IN
YOU UNDER-STAND THAT WE'LL NEED ALL THE FIGHTING SKILLS WE CAN MUSTER
AND FINALLY, THERE'S ONE OTHER PERSON HERE.
NOT LONG AGO, AN APOSTLE CAME BACK TO MAGNOLIA.
OOTORI-SAN.
...THAT IT'S MAINLY BEC..USE OF HIM THAT I'M HERE.
I'VE COME TO UNDER-ST..ND...

AND I THOUGHT HE DIED
BUT AFTER THE FIGHT AGAINST SASHA-KUN OOTORI-SAN WENT MISSING
I THINK I WAS ALMOST ASLEEP WHEN IT HAPPENED SO I HARDLY REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT IT
I GUESS I JUST GOT A LITTLE CONCERNED
IT'S JUST THAT... COMPARED TO THE PARADISE MAGNOLIA USED TO BE, IT HAS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT MOOD RIGHT NOW
I DON'T BLAME YOU
I'M SURPRISED TO FIND MYSELF FEELING LIKE SOMETHING OF A STRANGER HERE
AS THE MAN WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST OF YOU BEING IN THIS PLACE...
CONCERNED?

NOT TO PUT TOO FINE A POINT ON IT, BUT YOU ARE OUR CAPTIVE
I DIDN'T MEAN TO
UM... SORRY.
TOMO-KUN
BUT YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE ADAPTED MORE THAN WELL TO MAGNOLIA
I I DO.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING?
IN THE SITUATION WE'RE FACING NOW, THAT MIGHT SPELL DISASTER FOR EVERYONE HERE
AND YOU EVEN MOVE ABOUT AS YOU PLEASE.
AND YET YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH EVERYONE
GRIT
I'M SORRY.

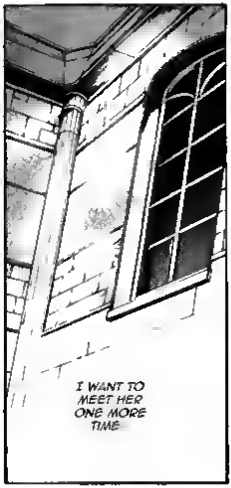
UM...
I'D LIKE TO SAY...
...THAT I VOLUNTEER TO BE TOMO-SAN'S GUARDIAN!
I THINK HER BEING HERE HAS MADE THIS A NICER AND KINDER PLACE!
AND THAT'S WHY—
ROSTAM!
STOP TALKING!
ROSTAM, IS IT?
GOOD NAME

THERE'S A PERSIAN EPIC "SHAH-NAMEH"
ISN'T ROSTAM THE HERO'S NAME?
YES, SIR!
I'M VERY PROUD OF IT!
HMM...
I'LL ACCEPT YOUR PROPOSAL
YOU'LL STILL ANSWER TO AO!
NOW METEORA IS COMING
THEY'RE MERCILESS AND NOTORIOUSLY UNPREDICTABLE
THINGS MIGHT GET OUT OF HAND
SO DEPENDING ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES...
YOU MAY BE GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS THAT ARE HARSH BUT NECESSARY
I UNDERSTAND!
VERY WELL
THEN IF YOU WERE ORDERED TO...

...COULD YOU KILL TOMO-KUN?
...!!
I...

WE LIVE IN THE DARK
SPILLING THE BLOOD OF OUTSIDERS LETS US STAY HIDDEN IN THE SHADOWS OF HISTORY
WE DO NOT NEED HEROES
AND SO THERE ARE NO HEROES AMONG US

ROSTAM-KUN
IT FEELS LIKE HE WAS TRICKED, SOME-HOW...
drip
EVERY-ONE HERE...
IS A GOOD PERSON
I THINK
AND THE ENEMY EVERY-ONE'S TALKING ABOUT...
HAS TO BE SASHA-KUN AND HIS GROUP


I WANT TO MEET HER ONE MORE TIME

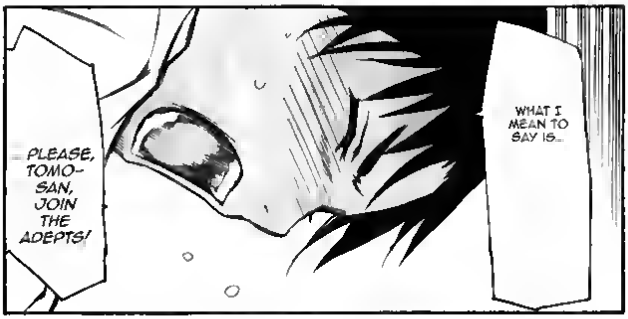
SPLASH!
I WANT TO TALK TO MAPUYU-CHAN AGAIN

fidget

I WAS TERRIBLY RUDE EARLIER...
AND I WANT TO APOLOGIZE!
SWING
KNOCK KNOCK
YES?
IT'S OPEN!
CLENCH
trrrrrrr
RUSH
L-LET'S START OVER!
I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU TOO!
NO, HOLD ON!
DOK
HUH?!
OH, I'M SORRY...
I WAS JUST TAKING A BATH!

THUMP!
KYA!
mmmpf?!
...!!
YOU'RE HEAVY
ROSTAM-KUN

SORRY!
S-S-SSS...
I'M SO SORRY, TOMO-SAN!
SPROING
DON'T BE!
I'M THE ONE WHO PULLED YOU DOWN!
I AM THE ONE WHO SHOULD APOLOGIZE!
SO
WHAT'S GOING ON?
TOMO-SAN...
IF I MAY ASK...
WHY WON'T YOU JOIN THE ADEPTS?
HUH?!


WHAT I MEAN TO SAY IS...
PLEASE, TOMO-SAN, JOIN THE ADEPTS!

I'M ASKING FOR BOTH OUR SAKES!
BECAUSE IF YOU JOIN THE ADEPTS, I CAN PROTECT YOU INSTEAD OF JUST GUARD YOU LIKE I DO NOW!

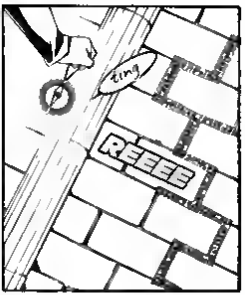
?!
KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
TOMO-CHAN! ARE YOU AWAKE?!
gasp!
SSSSSSS!
ROSTAM-KUN
TOMO! CAN YOU HEAR ME?!
TOMO!
BAM BAM
THEY'RE COMING!
THEY'RE ALMOST HERE!

RRRRMMMMM
ATHOS'S ARMY...
RRRRRRR

...IS COMING STRAIGHT FOR MAGNOLIA!

!!

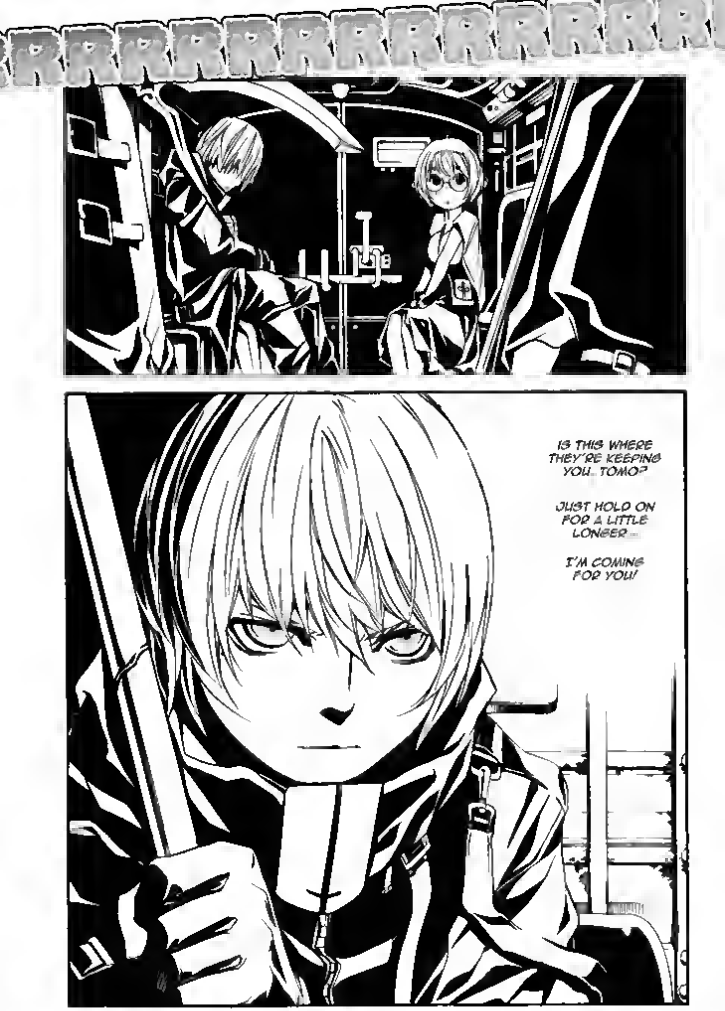
RUMMMBLE
AOI-SAN?

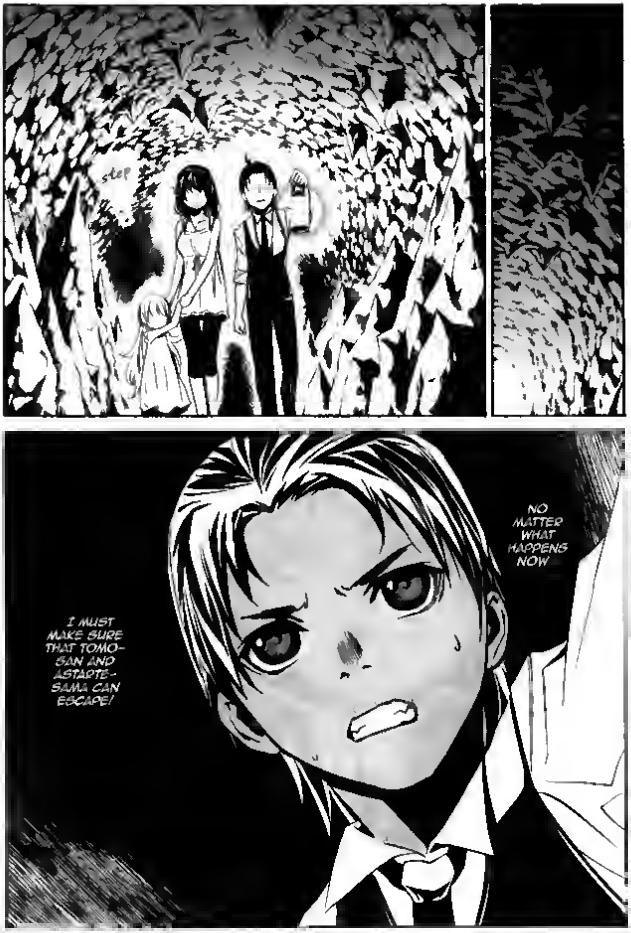

ring
REEE

IT'S A SECRET PASSAGE
IT LEADS TO THE OUTSIDE.
TEACHER!
WHAT IS THIS?!

AND ROS-TAM-KUN
TOMO AND ASTARTE-SAMA
PLEASE TAKE THIS PASSAGE!
HUH?!
TEACHER
NO MATTER WHAT, YOU MUST MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE SAFE!
YOU'LL ESCORT THEM!
I'LL TAKE THE HIGH MARIA CANDIDATES TO ANOTHER ESCAPE ROUTE

THE FEWER PEOPLE WE APOSTLES HAVE TO PROTECT...
THE EASIER IT'LL BE FOR US TO FIGHT...
SO
PLEASE
WE UNDER-STAND
YOU MUST MOVE FAST!
step
KRRR


IS THIS WHERE THEY'RE KEEPING YOU, TOMO?
JUST HOLD ON FOR A LITTLE LONGER...
I'M COMING FOR YOU!


step
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS NOW
I MUST MAKE SURE THAT TOMO-CHAN AND ASTARTE-SAMA CAN ESCAPE!

AND HERE WE HAVE IT...
FRANK
FLIP
THE OPENING TO THE SECRET PASSAGE.
IF WE TAKE THIS...
...IT SHOULD BE EASY TO GET INTO MAGNOLIA PROPER

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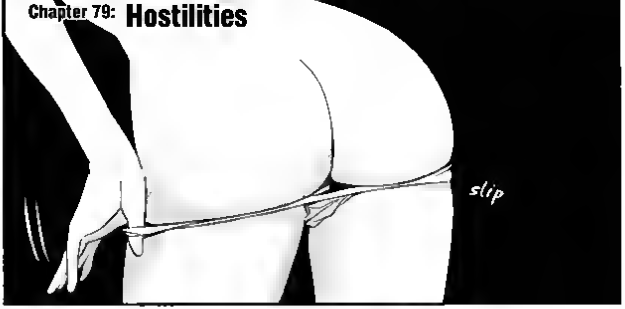
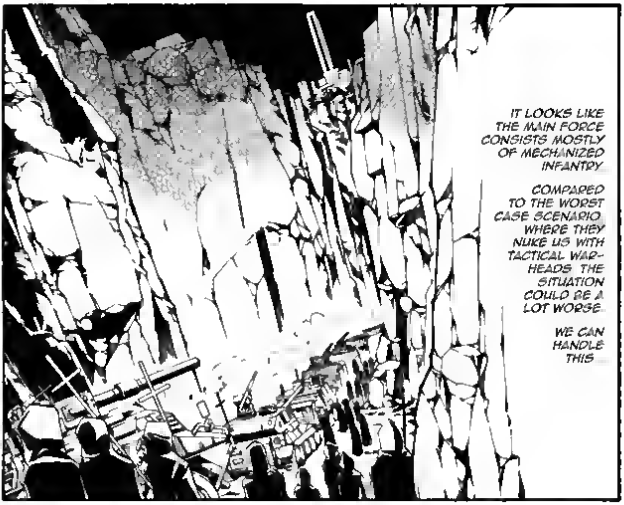
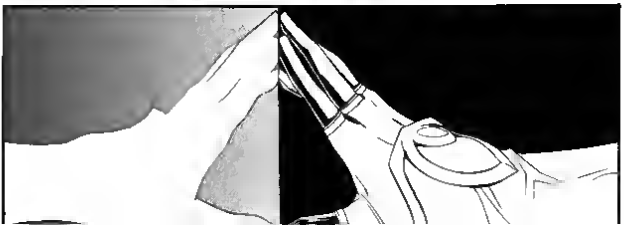
Chapter 79: Hostilities



...BUT IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S ANY KIND OF SURPRISE.
WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING THIS FROM THE START.
slide
zzzip


IT LOOKS LIKE THE MAIN FORCE CONSISTS MOSTLY OF MECHANIZED INFANTRY.
COMPARED TO THE WORST CASE SCENARIO WHERE THEY NUKE US WITH TACTICAL WARHEADS, THE SITUATION COULD BE A LOT WORSE.
WE CAN HANDLE THIS.



SO LET'S GO
YUU

I WAS DELAYED
TOK TOK
ASTARTE-SAMA AND YAMANOBE-KUN...
DID YOU DO AS WE PLANNED?
I SENT THEM TO THE SECRET PASSAGE WITH ROSTAM

DON'T WORRY, DOUKAN.
ASTARTE-SAMA IS GOING TO BE SAFE.
THAT PASSAGE MUST NOT BE USED AGAIN.
SAME GOES FOR THE ROUTE THE HIGH MARMS TOOK.
OUR ONLY WAY OUT OF HERE NOW WILL BE THE PATH WE CARVE FOR OURSELVES...
...SO PREPARE YOURSELVES.
"PREPARE"?
OH YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M PREPARED TO DO...
MANY OF US ARE GONE...
...BUT WE'RE STILL THE TWELVE APOSTLES OF THE ADEPTS!
INVADERS ARE COMING TO DEFILE THE HEART OF OUR HOME OUR FAIR MAGNOLIA
IT'S OUR DUTY TO SHOW THEM TO THEIR EARNED AND RIGHTFUL FATES!

AND NOW...
...OUR OWN FATES AWAIT US.
TOK TOK

FIRST COMPANY!
READY TO MOVE OUT!

tug!
flustered
flurry
wave
Y-YES!
OKAY MIRIAM
TIME TO GET READY
attention!
bounce!
HERE!

YOU KNOW
AS A MARIA CADET, YOU HAVE TO LEARN TO BE MORE RELAXED.
GRAB
HAH!
smooch!
AH..
HAH...!

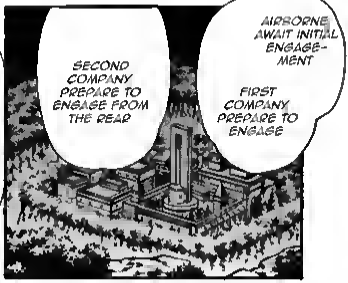
HAAAAAAA...
passed out
UNTIL YOU DO GIVING SOMA TENDS TO HELP WITH THE TEN-SION
NOW COME ON!
A-AT ONCE!
SLAM

RRRRR
YES I HEARD YOU BUT—
DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?!
SIGH
SOMETHING WRONG?
JUST A DISAGREEMENT
TAMARA-SAN SAYS SHE'S GOING TO THE FRONT—
—AND I SAY SHE SHOULD STAY HERE
YEAH THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN
sigh
EXCUSE ME?!
I AM HERE AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF MY UNCLE, HIS EXCELLENCY THE ARCHBISHOP SMIRNOFF—
AND I COMMAND YOU TO ESCORT ME TO THE FRONT!

IT'S TOO DANGEROUS
YOU KNOW WHO THE ENEMY IS AND THIS TIME WE'RE ON *THEIR* TURF
THAT MEANS IF YOU AREN'T TRAINED AND READY FOR COMBAT
YOU *WILL* BE KILLED
gulp
SECOND COMPANY REPORTING IN
PLATOONS IN POSITION AND READY TO GO.

WELL THERE IT IS
EVERY-THING'S IN PLACE
AIRBORNE IN POSITION
READY TO DROP

REGARD-LESS, MAKE SURE YOU WON'T HOLD BACK
LET'S HOPE IT'LL GO AS SMOOTHLY AS THEY MAKE IT SOUND


SECOND COMPANY PREPARE TO ENGAGE FROM THE REAR
AIRBORNE, AWAIT INITIAL ENGAGE-MENT
FIRST COMPANY, PREPARE TO ENGAGE

THERE'S A RIVER OF BAD BLOOD BETWEEN US
...BUT TRUST ME WHEN I SAY I'M ENTIRELY FOCUSED ON WINNING THIS BATTLE WITH YOU AS AN ALLY
I ONLY HOPE YOU'RE OF A LIKE MIND "SASHA THE MARTYR"
DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT THAT
TODAY
I'LL FINALLY PUT AN END TO MY HISTORY WITH THE ADEPTS
THAT'S THE ONLY REASON WHY I'M HERE
GO!
OPERATION IS GO!

RRRRRMMM
BOOM
WRRR
GRUMBLE

KREEE
KRNK
HE JUST CRUSHED A SHELL WITH HIS BARE HAND?!
...?!
WHOOM
HE'S ONE OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES
THE TUNGSTEN USER!

BAM
sssssss
NAMU*
KRRK
clatter
click
NICHIDEN BUDDHIST EXCLAMATION SAKNIFY: NO FAITH AND DEVOTION
KROOM

HE
HE'S A FUCKING MONSTER!
KHU...!
WRAM
B.A.D.A.D.A.D.A.T
DO NOT FALTER!
FIRE!
SPATTER

TOK
SPAK
POK
TOK
KRAWNNG
NNNNNNNNNN

LOOKS LIKE A DIRTY RAIN'S COMIN'S...
DROP IS GO!
DROP IS GO!
GOD IS WITH US!
WHOOSH
I BET YOU THOUGHT THIS'D BE THE QUICK AND EASY WAY INTO MAGNOLIA.
...BUT YOU'LL SEE JUST HOW WRONG YOU ARE!

MY ELEMENT IS OXYGEN.
AND AS I USE THE GREAT AMPLIFIER TO MAKE MY ATOMIC POWER ECHO AND RESONATE
ting

...EVEN
THE SKY
WILL
HEED
MY
CALL!

WHOOOOOOSH
WHAT IS THAT?!
A TOR-NADO?!
NO, IT'S A DRA-GON?!
AAH!
SHAA!!

PRETTY...
MILK-SAN
YOU'RE OUR SECRET WEAPON
SO UNTIL IT'S A REAL EMERGENCY
I WANT YOU TO STAY HERE AND WATCH OVER THE HIGH MARIAS
ASTARTE-SAMA...
I'LL WORK HARD FOR YOU
AND THEN I'LL PLAY TOO.

WHICH TUNNEL DO WE TAKE?
OH..
LOOK, ROSTAM-KUN...
ARE THEY OKAY?
TOMO-CHAN...
MILK-CHAN AND AOI-CHAN...
...AND DOU-KAN-SAN...
WE'RE GOING LEFT HERE...
...I THINK.
YEAH!
SO THAT THOSE WHO CAN'T FIGHT CAN RUN AWAY AND WON'T GET HURT!
AND RIGHT NOW...
...THEY'RE FIGHTING REALLY HARD...
OF COURSE THEY ARE!
THEY'RE ALL SO STRONG!

I HAVE TO GET THESE TWO OUT OF HERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
step
ARE WE EVEN GOING THE RIGHT WAY?
SHIT... JUST HOW FAR AWAY IS THE EXIT ANYWAY?
step
THIS CAVERN...
OKAY, NOW I KNOW WHERE WE ARE!
WE'RE ALMOST OUTSIDE!
TOMO-SAN?
HUH?!
NOO! I WANNA GO BACK!
tug

...?!
WH-WHAT...?
tremble
...?!
SHLOP
I AM CALLED HAYABUSA...
...AND I AM OF THE METEOR VANGUARD.
GREETINGS.

cough
AH...
FUCK...
IT'S ALWAYS BEST, I FIND...
TO KEEP THESE MEETINGS BRIEF.
ROSTAM-KUN!!
RUSH!

SHIT...
LOOKS LIKE THEY READ THE DROP PERFECTLY!
THAT THING IS A CIRCUIT AMPLIFIER!
THEY PREDICTED OUR MOVEMENTS
AND PREPARED COUNTERMEASURES WITH AMAZING PRECISION!
...THEY HAVEN'T PREDICTED WE'D TAKE THIS ROUTE!
YEAH!
THEY TOOK OUT OUR ENTIRE AIR ATTACK BEFORE IT EVEN BEGAN!
LET'S JUST HOPE...
OKAY EVERYBODY!
LET'S MOVE IN!
rustle
A PITY.
TO HAVE MADE IT THIS FAR...
flutter

!!
...INTO THE OPEN ARMS OF THE LORD.
SNAP
...ONLY TO BE DELIVERED STRAIGHT FROM HERE...

FWOOM
GHAA!
...!!
WHOOM
FOOM
THE FLAMES
THAT COLOR

MASTER...

BRACKLE

AND HE'S STILL STANDING...
AAAH
AAAH
THE...
THE ENTIRE THIRD PLATOON
ALL OF THEM...

OH...
HE SAW ME...
I'M DEAD
HE TORE THROUGH TANKS WITH HIS BARE HANDS...
HOW COULD I FIGHT HIM?

RRRATTLE

HOW COULD ANYONE?!
WHOOSH

WRANG
!!
THOK
THUNK
THOK
THOK
TUNGSTEN...
IT HAS A BODY-CENTERED CUBIC STRUCTURE AND A DENSITY OF 19.3...
OF ALL THE METALS, IT HAS THE HIGHEST MELTING POINT...
UNNNNNNN

ONCE I GET TO THE ONE WHO WIELDS IT!
HOW-EVER
IT'S NOT LIKE ANY OF THAT MATTERS
I have come...
...to make the Twelve Apostles tremble...

...and this is where I'll start!

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Chapter 80: The Tungsten Man

SPANG
KAH!
WHOOSH!!
TOK
...
TOK

Chapter 80 The Tungsten Man

WHERE THE NAME CAME FROM?
ONLY HE AND A FEW OTHERS KNOW...
...THAT IT DERIVES FROM HIS FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH ASTARTE
WHEN SHE WAS BEING TRANSPORTED TO MAGNOLIA

ASTARTE-SAMA
I APOLOGIZE FOR THE WAIT
I'VE TALKED TO THE MEN
AND THEY SAY THE PASS UP AHEAD IS VERY DANGEROUS
THEY INSIST THAT WE SHOULD TAKE THE LONG WAY AROUND
OR...
WE COULD JUST BREAK STRAIGHT THROUGH IT?
I KNEW YOU'D SAY THAT
CAN'T WE JUST GO AROUND THE BAD THING?
WELL, IT MAY NOT BE THAT EASY.
ACCORDING TO THESE MEN, A LARGE GUERRILLA FORCE IS ENGAGED IN OR NEAR THE PASS.
SUPPOSEDLY, THEY'RE GOING TO FIGHT SOME KIND OF "MONSTER" THERE, BUT I'M NOT—
SOUNDS LIKE A FULL-SCALE WAR!
DADADADA
DADADADA
WHOOM
BOOOM
DADADADA
THUD

GRAAAAA!!
...!!
THAT'D BE THE "MONSTER", THEN...
IS THAT A VOICE...?!
AND AS THEY SLOWLY ENTERED THE PASS...
CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
THE GROUND WAS COVERED WITH BODIES AND STANDING BETWEEN THEM LIKE THE BLACK TREES OF A DEAD FOREST WERE WHAT COULD BE CLOSE TO A THOUSAND WEAPONS.
THEY WERE SOON MET BY A TERRIFYING SIGHT
...!!

AND TOWERING OVER THE CARNAGE WAS THE MONSTER
CLACK
CLICK

IT'S OKAY...
ASTARTE-SAMA?!
HRR
HRR
HRRR
IT S OKAY
I UNDER-STAND
reach

YOU DIDN'T WANT TO FIGHT.
YOU JUST WANTED TO PROTECT THE LITTLE BIRDS THAT LIVE IN THE TREE.
ZIII!
BUT THE SOLDIERS CAME HERE WITH THEIR GUNS AND MACHINES ANYWAY.
AND THAT MADE YOU CRY.
THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE, THEY LISTEN TO ME.
I'LL LET ALL OF THEM KNOW...
THAT NO ONE CAN GO NEAR THOSE BIRDS!
SO PLEASE
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SAD ANYMORE!

HAAAAHH...
THUD
KH...
ENGRAVED ON THE WEAPON HE HELD IN HIS HAND WAS THE NAME "SANADA DOUKAN".
THAT NAME BECAME HIS.
A MAN WITHOUT MEMORY OR RECORD
MAYBE HE HAD BEEN WOUNDED IN BATTLE
AAAAAA

AND WAS MADE AN APOSTLE OF THE ADEPTS
DOUKAN PLEDGED HIS UNDYING ALLEGIANCE TO ASTARTE
AND SO
SHIIIIIII
SSSSSSSSSSS

I CAN'T RELY ON BRUTE FORCE HERE...
HE BROKE MY CHAINS WITH MUSCLE STRENGTH ALONE...?!
GRRRRR
SO...
TIK
TIK
TIK
TIK
TINK
RRRRTTLE
SSSSH

WHOOSH
CLINK
CLATTER
TANG
TINK
TINK
!!
HAA!
KRRRING
...I'LL GO FOR SPEED INSTEAD!
WHOOM

HE SAW THROUGH IT?!
KKRRRR
...?!

REEEEE
KRRRR
MMMM
MMMM
!!
BOOM
KHOOM

WHOOM
WHOOSH
BOOM
KRSHH
THE SAME PRINCIPLE EKATERINA USES FOR THAT PUPPET OF HERS...
REEE
THE ARMS ARE TUNGSTEN WITH CORES OF PHILOSOPHER'S STONE...
KUH!
TCHUNK

FOR HER...
FOR... ...ASTARTE-SAMA.
I WILL NOT...
...LET YOU PASS.

NOW THEN
COME WITH ME
MISS ASTARTE
ROSTAM-KUN!
THUD

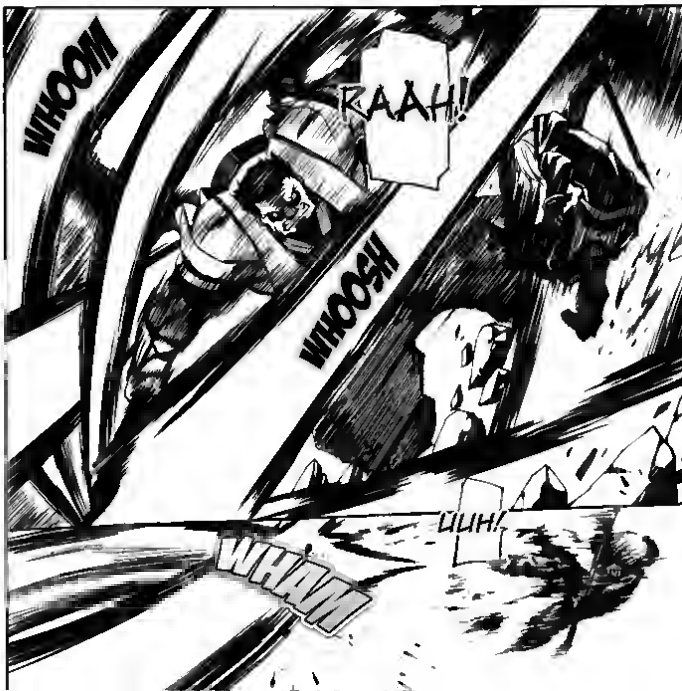
I'M SORRY, I...
I FAILED...
I PROMISED... TO PROTECT YOU... BUT...
NO!
YOU CAN'T HAVE HER!
REEEE
BRAVE GIRL!
HOWEVER...
SSSSH
HE...
HE DISAPPEARED?!
WHH
step
YOU WILL FIND THAT BRAVERY WON'T HELP YOU... BEFORE MY "SHADOW HACK" NINPO
STAB
AH YOU COWER AS WELL YOU SHOULD?
AFTER ALL YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE I AM...

AM I BEHIND YOU?
TO THE RIGHT?
LEFT?
OR MAYBE ...I'M RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU!
SLASH
KYAA!
I MUST PLACE DUTY...
...BEFORE PLEASURE.
AH...
FEAR, SHAME, CONFUSION... IT'S ALL TO MY LIKING!
BUT ALAS...

Shing!
GO AWAY!!
GAH.?
REEEEE
SAAH...!
TOP TOP TOP
ASTARTE CHAN!
RUN!
RUSH

HMOH!
THE LITTLE MICE RAN BACK INTO THE TUN-NELS.
I SEAR
AH YES, "THE MARIA OF THE SWORD"...
HE-HE! NOW THERE'S A TRUMP-CARD IF EVER THERE WAS ONE!
RATTLE
CLICK
CLICK
WILL THESE MEN SUF-FICE, DO YOU THINK?
YES. IT SHOULD BE JUST A MAT-TER OF FLUSH-ING THEM OUT.
THEY'RE STILL TRAPPED BETWEEN US AND THE BATTLE.
...BUT NO MATTER.
...AND YOU WERE TOLD TO DO AS I SAY.
I HAVE TO SECURE AND GATHER INTEL ABOUT THIS PAS-SAGE...
THEY WERE BUT HERE WE ARE.
YOU AND I HAVE OTHER THINGS TO DO
TWITCH
WHAT?!
THE GIRLS ARE MY PREY!

STRAIGHT TO THE SECRET HEART...
OF GREAT MAGNOLIA
AND THAT MEANS
WE'RE GOING IN
step


WHOOM!
RAAH!
WHOOSH
UUH!
WHAM!

DIE!!
KROOH!!
CHIIGA
BOOM
THIS IS INSANE...!
WITH FOUR ARMS, HE CAN ATTACK AND DEFEND AT THE SAME TIME!
CLATTER
CLICK
HAAH..
HAAH..

COULD THERE BE ENOUGH IRON IN THEM FOR ME TO USE?
REEEE
GUT!
ALL THESE WEAPONS AND THINGS! HE'S WRECKED.
WOOSH
I CAN'T LEAVE.
I HAVE TO GET TO MAG-NOLIA
step
YOU... ...LEAVE.
OR... ...YOU DIE.

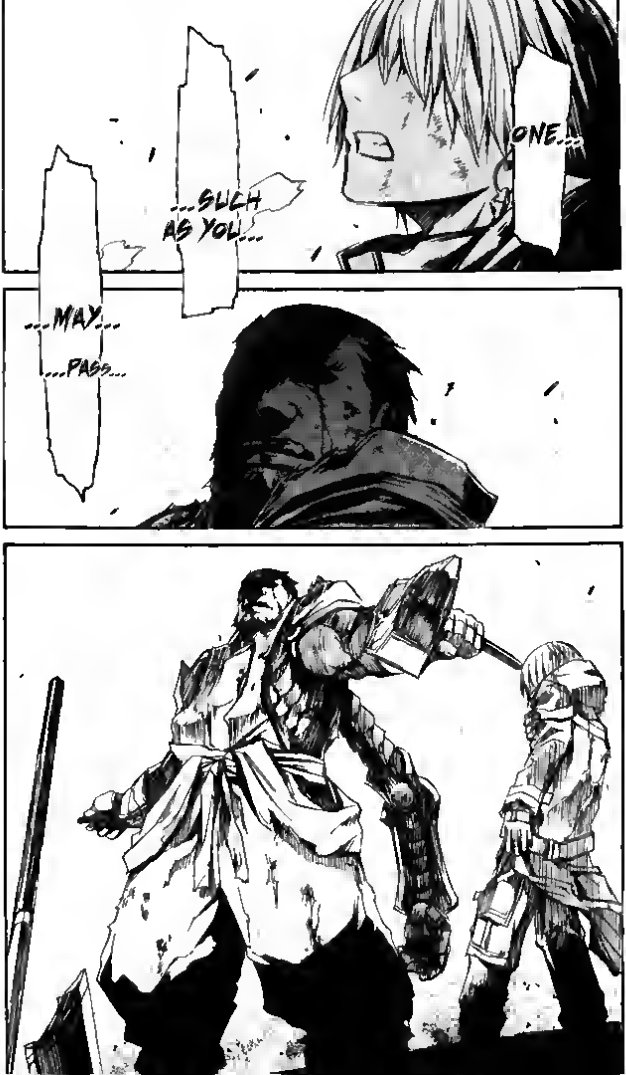
EVEN IF THAT MEANS I HAVE TO GET YOU OUT OF THE WAY!
HAAAH!!
TANG
CLANG
CLANG

BOOM!
AH!
KRNK
THEN ENTER NIR-VANA.
THERE NOW STAY JUST LIKE THAT...
KRR KRRRK

...and tremble!
CLATTER
ALL THE PARTS OF ALL THESE GUNS THAT HAVE ANY AMOUNT OF STEEL IN THEM
BECAUSE ALL THE TRIGGERS AND HAMMERS IN THIS PLACE
BADADADAMM
...ARE NOW MINE!

FWOOSH
THOK
WHOOSH
TOK
TOK
KHOOM
KHOOM
THK
SPAK
THOK
THUNK
KUH!
TWO SHOTS FIRED AT THE EXACT SAME TIME!
BLOCKING THEM BOTH MIGHT BE TOO MUCH EVEN FOR YOU!
BOOM

WOOMM
BAM


ONE...
...SUCH AS YOU...
...MAY...
...PASS...

HE TOOK A DAMN TANK SHELL TO THE HEAD.
HE'S... OUT ON HIS FEET?
BUT HE WON'T FALL, OR SWAY, OR EVEN STUMBLE
IT REALLY IS AS IF HE'S MADE OF THE HARDEST METAL OF ALL.

BUT YOU CAN'T BE TOO CARE-FUL SO DON'T GET CLOSE
OKAY?
HE'S OUT
AND I DON'T THINK HE'LL WAKE UP ANY TIME SOON

THE FIRST DROP WAS WIPED OUT ALMOST INSTANTLY
WE HAVE TO TAKE OUT AO!
OR THE SECOND DROP WILL BE TORN TO PIECES, TOO!

THE WAY'S OPEN
BUT AT AN ENORMOUS COST!
RUSH

BUT UNTIL THEN, ALL OUR HOPES ARE WITH THE SECOND COMPANY
AND LIZZIE!

MASTER
ELIZA-BETH?
I THOUGHT IT WAS YOU
SO, FOR HIM TO BE HERE RIGHT NOW...
OOTORI IS LIKE FAMILY TO LIZZIE
NO, EVEN MORE THAN THAT!
HE'S EVERY-THING TO HER
IT'S NOT TOO LATE
TO RETURN TO MY SIDE
LIZZIE
MY BELOVED DAUGHTER

LIZZIE
YOU'RE CRYING, ELIZABETH
I'M GLAD TOO
TO THINK I'D GET TO SEE YOU AGAIN
EVEN IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS
SLIP
I'M FURIOUS!
THAT'S WHY I'M CRYING!
I'M NOT HAPPY
I'M ANGRY!
NO!
YOU'RE WRONG

BE-
CAUSE
WHEN YOU TOOK ME IN...
RE-MEM-BER WHAT YOU SAID?!
YOU SAID THAT NO MATTER WHAT, NO MATTER HOW CLOSE WE MAY GET
YOU'D NEVER CALL ME YOUR DAUGH-TER!
YOU SAID THAT THE BOND BE-TWEEN US...
...WILL ALWAYS BE THAT OF MASTER AND DIS-CIPLE. NO MORE AND NO LESS!
YOU'RE A THING MADE BY THE THEOSIS PROJECT!
YOU'RE NOT MY MASTER!
REEEE
I DON'T CARE IF YOU LOOK JUST LIKE HIM!
I DON'T EVEN CARE IF YOU HAVE HIS SOUL!
YOU'RE A FAKE!

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Chapter 80: The Resurrected

SO IT'S COME TO THIS AFTER ALL...
EVEN THOUGH I WAS AS CAREFUL AS I COULD...
I SUPPOSE THAT IN THE END EVEN THE FINEST IMITATION
...WILL STILL HAVE SOME FLAW THAT SIMPLY MAKES IT DIFFERENT FROM THE ORIGINAL.

THEN
THEN YOU ADMIT YOU'RE NOT HIM?
WELL...
MY BODY REALLY IS A CLONE OF SHINICHIRO OOTORI'S...
...AND IN THE PROCESS OF MY CREATION...
...I WAS INFUSED WITH HIS SALVAGED SOUL.

BUT DESPITE ALL THAT, I KNOW I'M NOT HIM
PEOPLE LIKE ME ARE MADE WITH THE MEMORIES OF OUR ORIGINALS IMPLANTED IN OUR MINDS
WE'RE BORN WITH THE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF WHO WE ARE
...OR WHO WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE.
BUT THESE MEMORIES FEEL SO STRANGE AND DISTANT...
...THEY'RE MORE LIKE DREAMS OF A PREVIOUS LIFE.
...
BUT STILL LIZZIE
WHEN I LOOK AT YOU, I FEEL WHAT MY ORIGINAL WOULD'VE FELT
AND BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY HE TRULY DID LOVE YOU LIKE A DAUGHTER
SO WHEN I SPOKE TO YOU NOW, I ONLY LET THOSE FEELINGS SHOW

AND TO THINK THAT WAS MY MISTAKE...
BECAUSE NOW I SEE IT'S JUST AS YOU SAID
I DO HAVE AN OLD MEMORY...
...WHERE I TELL YOU I'LL NEVER CALL YOU MY DAUGHTER.
HAH...
THAT'S WHERE YOU FUCKED UP
NOW STOP TALKING, FAKE!
THEN I GUESS THIS IS UNAVOIDABLE
BUT ON THE OTHER HAND YOUR OWN CLONE IS ALREADY WAITING FOR YOU...
...SO ALL I HAVE TO DO NOW IS TURN YOUR BODY TO ASH
THEN YOUR SOUL WILL BE SALVAGED...
SNAP
AND I'LL HAVE MY DAUGHTER BACK BY MY SIDE!

IT WON'T BE THAT EASY!
LEAP
POP, OOTOR! TO IGNITE THE SODIUM MOLECULES IN A BODY.
HE HAS TO CONCENTRATE AND TAKE CAREFUL AIM. SO THE OBVIOUS COUNTER IS TO MOVE IN WAYS HE CAN'T EASILY PREDICT.
YOU'VE FIGURED OUT THE WEAKNESS OF THE "MAN-CRACKER". I SHOULD'VE KNOWN!
HAH!
OH, I SEE...
WHOOSH
1

KEEP MOVING AND YOU WON'T GET BURNED!
MY MASTER KEPT CALLING IT OUT...
BUT I KNEW ALL THAT "MAN-CRACKER" SHOUTING WAS JUST A TRICK!
SOME-THING HE DID TO MAKE HIS ENEMY SLOW DOWN AND LOSE THE WILL TO FIGHT!
555
THAT MAY BE.
BUT DON'T YOU THINK HE ALSO THOUGHT OF WHAT TO DO...
SSSHH
IN SITUATIONS LIKE THIS?!

HIS MONO-MOLECULE SOOLIM WIRES!
CRACK
KUH /
SHUNK
TWITCH
WHAT TO DO NOW?
CAN YOU KEEP FROM RESTRICTING YOUR MOVEMENT WHILE AVOIDING MY WIRES?
OR MAYBE YOU'LL BURN AFTER ALL?
VZZZ
SNAP

KRINNNG
THINK YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE
WHOOM
SING, EXCALIBUR!
...WHO PLANS AHEAD?
SSSHH
...?!
THUNK
THOK

A Quintet
5重奏!!!
...!!
ZOOOM

?!
SHINNNN
!!
KRANNG
TOF
SO THIS IS HER STRATEGY...
IF SHE HAS TO SLOW DOWN, SHE'LL CREATE AN OPENING BY PUTTING HIM OFF BALANCE WITH TITANIUM MIRRORS!!

YES.
WHAT'S MORE, IT HAD HIS PERSONALITY AND MEMORIES AS WELL.
M-MASTER'S...
...CLONE?!
WHEN I TOLD YOU WE'D MET WHAT SEEMED TO BE A RESURRECTED OOTORI IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PANACEA'S CELEBRATION...
BUT...
I SAW HOW IT SHOOK YOU.
TERESA...
I THINK...
...I'M GOING TO NEED SOM...
LIZZIE...?

YES
brush
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME TERESA.
I'LL BE FINE
WE'LL HOLD ON TO THE THINGS WE WANT TO PROTECT AND FIGHT FOR THEM TOGETHER.
NOW I SEE, LIZZIE...

AND STARTED TO THINK OF WAYS
YOU MUST'VE MADE UP YOUR MIND
THAT FROM THE MOMENT I MENTIONED YOUR DEAD MASTER'S RETURN
REEEEE
WHOOSH
SLASH
NOT JUST TO FIGHT THIS GHOST OF HIS

...BUT TO WIN!
HAAA!

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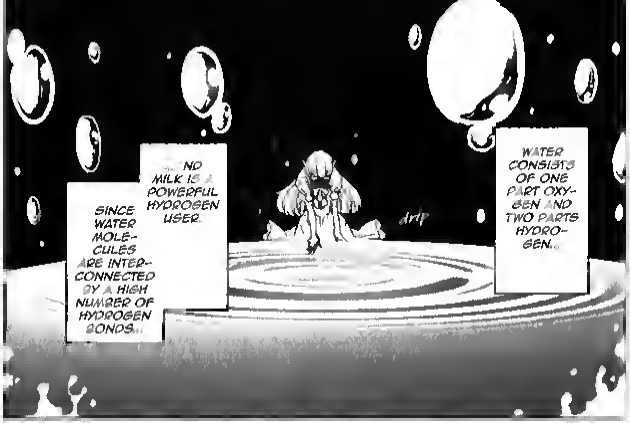
Chapter 82: Atomis Reunion

BOOM
LIZZIE!!
THAT ORANGE FLAME HAS TO BE OOTORI'S
THUD

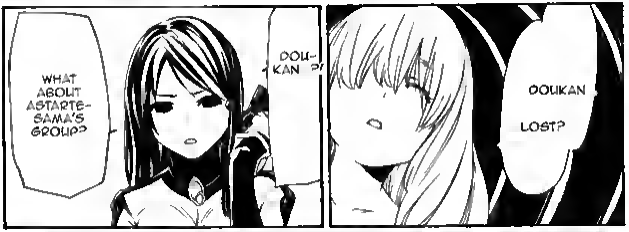
Chapter 82: Atomis Reunited

LOOKS LIKE IT WAS THE RIGHT MOVE, HAVING HIM GUARD THE BACK.
AND STILL NO SIGN OF ENEMY REINFORCEMENTS.
WHERE ARE THEY?
WHAT ARE THEY PLANNING?
beep

MILK I NEED YOU TO DO SOME-THING
GO TO THE WATER AND CHECK THE AREA FOR SIGNS OF THE ENEMY
AND TRY TO FIND OUT IF ASTARTE-SAMA IS OKAY
HER ESCAPE ROUTE IS ALONG THE RIVER
REEEE


WATER CONSISTS OF ONE PART OXYGEN AND TWO PARTS HYDROGEN...
drip
...NO MILK IS A POWERFUL HYDROGEN USER.
SINCE WATER MOLECULES ARE INTERCONNECTED BY A HIGH NUMBER OF HYDROGEN BONDS...

...SHE CAN SENSE EVEN THEIR FAINTEST VIBRATIONS
THIS MEANS SHE CAN PICK UP ON ANY SOUND NEAR ANY BODY OF WATER IN A WIDE AREA
SHE CAN EVEN USE THEIR ECHOES AS A SONAR
...TO FORM IMAGES OF THE WATER'S SURROUNDINGS

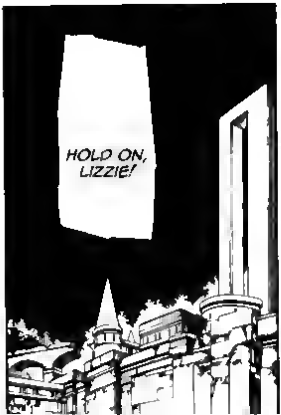

WHAT ABOUT ASTARTE-SAMA'S GROUP?
DOU-KAN ?!
DOUKAN LOST?

ASTARTE CAN HIDE, BUT SHE CAN'T LEAVE
WE'LL GET HER SOON ENOUGH
DOESN'T MATTER WE'VE BLOC-KED THE EXIT
YEAH IT IS
DEAD END
splash
drip

splash
GOTTA GO.
ASTARTE-SAMA
THEY'RE CHASING HER...!
WAIT!
MILK WAIT!
KHOOSH!
SPIKE

HOW?!
HOW COULD THEY KNOW ABOUT THE SECRET PASSAGE?!

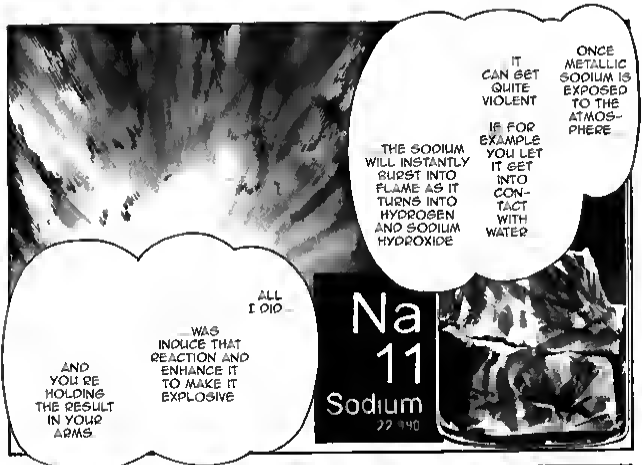
step
ONLY A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE KNOW IT EXISTS, AND EVEN FEWER KNOW WHERE IT IS!


HOLD ON, LIZZIE!

WHAT ?
UUH

YOU
YOU TURNED A PIECE OF METALLIC SODIUM
INTO A LAND-MINE?!
SSSSSSSSS

GRANTED, IT MAY HAVE COME AS A SURPRISE...
...SINCE METALLIC SODIUM USUALLY HAS TO BE CONTAINED IN KEROSENE TO KEEP IT FROM REACTING.
BUT THAT DOESN'T APPLY TO ME, OF COURSE.
WAS IT REALLY THAT UNEXPECTED?
IT IS MY ELEMENT, AFTER ALL.


ONCE METALLIC SODIUM IS EXPOSED TO THE ATMOS-PHERE
IT CAN GET QUITE VIOLENT
IE FOR EXAMPLE YOU LET IT GET INTO CON-TACT WITH WATER
THE SODIUM WILL INSTANTLY BURST INTO FLAME AS IT TURNS INTO HYDROGEN AND SODIUM HYDROXIDE
Na
11
Sodium
22.990
ALL I DID
WAS INDUCE THAT REACTION AND ENHANCE IT TO MAKE IT EXPLOSIVE
AND YOU'RE HOLDING THE RESULT IN YOUR ARMS

PURE METALLIC SODIUM
HUH?
THAT'S SOME-THING MY MASTER NEVER USED
WELL NOW
YOU LOST BECAUSE YOU BASED YOUR STRATEGY ON THE ASSUMP-TION THAT I'D STILL FIGHT LIKE HIM
HAVEN'T WE ALREADY ESTABLISHED THAT I'M NOT YOUR MASTER?

...!!

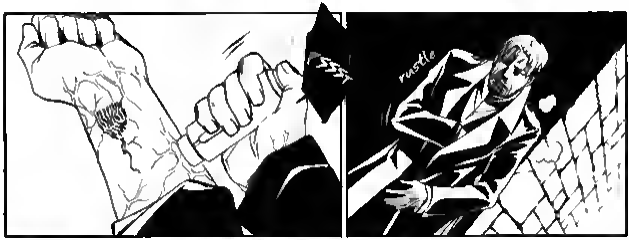
FINE
SO I LOST
BURN ME
CUT ME
UP
DO
WHAT
YOU
WANT
LOOM

JUST
JUST
LET
TERESA
GO,
OKAY?
SHE
WAS JUST
ORDERED TO
BE WITH ME,
THAT'S ALL
LIZZIE?
555

SSSSS
KHI
BOOOOM
I'M ALREADY AT MY LIMIT?
BA-THUD
BA-THUD
BA-THU
BA-TH

AN EXPLO-
SION...?
OUT OF RESPECT FOR YOUR GENTLE HEART AND YOUR SACRI-FICES AS A MARIA...
I ABANDON THIS FIGHT
step
APPA-RENTLY
IT SEEMS ANOTHER GROUP OF INVADERS HAVE REACHED YOUR DESTI-NATION
BUT THE NEXT TIME WE MEET I'LL SHOW NO MERCY
PREPARE YOUR-SELVES.
flutter

THE TIMING FEELS MORE LIKE PUPU.
IS IT METEORA?
NO


SSSS
rustle

clench!
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR BEING A COPY, I GUESS.
TO THINK I NEED TO USE THE CELL ACTIVATOR JUST TO KEEP THIS BODY GOING

THAT WAS AN ELEMENTAL CIRCUIT SEAL
AND THAT NO DOUBT MEANS
THE HIGH MARIA CANDI-DATES
ARE SOME-WHERE IN THIS BUILDING
THE GIRLS...
I HUMBLY REQUEST YOU LEAVE THEM TO ME
FEEL FREE

?!
THIS IS NOT GOOD...
THE CATHEDRAL
THE MARIA CANDIDATES AND THEIR CHILDREN !
CLANG
!!
FOOM
REEEEE

WHOOSH
FWOOSH
BOOM
MY IRON IS OXI-DIZING
TRIIRON TETRA-OXIDE, HUH?
SSSSHH
I SAW YOU IN THE CORNER OF MY EYE
CARE-LESS AS EVER...
SASHA
I LET YOU SEE ME BECAUSE TO ME YOU'RE MORE THAN JUST ANOTHER ENEMY
AOI

THE BULL-DOZERS BETTER GET OVER THERE QUICKLY!
WE HAVE TO GET THE NEXT WAVE OF TANKS AND PARA-TROOPERS IN THERE NOW!
WHY ISN'T THE ROUTE TO THE FRONT CLEARED YET?!
AT THE MOMENT
WE HAVE THE UPPER HAND
WE CAN WIN EVEN WHILE BEING PATIENT
BUT WHAT'S THIS UNIT DOING OVER HERE?
IT'S ALL THE WAY OVER BY THE ROMAN RUINS
IT'S COM-PLETELY OFF THE DESIG-NATED POSI-TIONS!
THAT UNIT IS FLAGGED AS COVERT MA'AM
WE'RE NOT AUTHORIZED TO CONTACT OR INTER-FERE
NOT—
"NOT AUTHO-RIZED"?!
THIS IS THE STRATEGIC COMMAND CENTER!

TAMARA-SAN
I'M SURE YOU KNOW THAT THE BEST TRICK TO STAYING ALIVE...
...IS TO STAY HIDDEN
IF THAT UNIT IS SUPPOSED TO BE CO-VERT AND WE MAKE A BIG SCENE, WE'LL BE ACTIVELY WORKING AGAINST IT
I SUGGEST WE LET IT BE
EVEN THOUGH EVERY LAST UNIT IN THIS ARMY IS SUBORDI-NATE TO THE COMMAND CENTER
SO...
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO GO SEE WHAT THEY'RE UP TO?
THAT WOULD BE APPRE-CIATED YES
MY UNCLE ALWAYS REFUSES TO LET OTHERS CONTROL WHATEVER HE THINKS IS THE MOST IMPOR-TANT PART OF AN OPERATION
BUT I WANT TO KNOW WHY THEY'RE THERE

GOOD-NESS
BUT IT DOES SEEM LIKE A WASTE OF TIME THOUGH, DOESN'T IT?
STILL...
I'LL GO
HANA!
SOMA!
BUT IF YOU REALLY DON'T WANT TO...
I GUESS THAT'S FINE TOO
I'LL JUST GET IT FROM TAMARA
YOU WHAT?!
OH RELAX
THESE ARE ALL MEN AND WOMEN OF THE CLOTH!
HE... HERE?!

cough!
NO, IT'S FINE, KATJA-SAMA...
BA-THUD
BA-THUD
IF YOU PLEASE

AH!
TOO...
TOO HARD, I...!
AAH!

AS ALWAYS, HANA...
SHAME AND HUMILIATION BRINGS OUT THE FINEST SOMA IN YOU.
YOU DID WELL.
AND WHEN I RETURN TAMARA
YOU AND I WILL BE PARTNERS
LOOK FORWARD TO IT
gulp

I HEARD THIS IS WHERE YOU'RE KEEPING TOMO
WHERE IS SHE?
I SEE
YOU ONLY CAME HERE TO SAVE HER
NO
YOU'RE NOT JUST DOING IT FOR HER ARE YOU?
IT'S FOR MAFUYU-SAN AS WELL
HM
YOU'VE GOT A SERIOUS WEAKNESS FOR WOMEN IN NEED, DON'T YOU?
MUCH AS YOU DID WHEN WE FIRST MET.
MY BROTHER...
YOU HAVE TO DEFEAT HIM!

I DIDN'T COME ALL THE WAY HERE TO REMEMBER THE OLD DAYS.
NOW ANSWER ME! WHERE'S TOMO?!
SHINNN
REE
DO YOU REALLY THINK I'LL TELL YOU?
WOOOOM
OH DEAR! puff! YOU'RE FAST!
PLEASE! puff! PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT SASHA-SA
AAAN?!
TRIP
TOF
TOF
TOF

THUD
FLIP
UM.
WHO'S THIS?
MY UH
MY NEW MARIA...
I GUESS...
"I GUESS"?!
THAT'S MEAN, SASHA-SAN!
I WAS PROPERLY APPOINTED BY THE BISHOPS, AS YOU WELL KNOW!
BUT WHO...
WHO'S THAT OVER THERE?
KUCHIBA AOI, AN APOSTLE OF THE ADEPTS
KNOWN AS THE "MISTRESS OF THE RUSTLING LEAVES"
SHE'S AN OXYGEN USER...
WHICH MAKES HER AN ATOMIS LEVEL QWASER
ATO...
ATOMIS?!
GASP

THIS PLACE IS SURROUNDED!
CLICK
P-P-PLEASE LISTEN TO ME!
hurtle hurtle
UMM
SO SO, UM... IF YOU JUST UH...
RUSH
MIRIAM, STAY OUT OF THIS!
OUT OF THE WAY, GIRL!
WHOOM
OH...
PLEASS
LISTEN

WHOOSH
WHOOSH
SASHA...
YOU FEEL A LOT TOUGHER THAN YOU USED TO
BOOM
BOOM
YOU'VE BECOME STRONG!

TIK TING
TINK SPANG
WOOM
IT'S JUST THE END RESULT OF MAKING COUNTLESS MISTAKES!
NOW I SIMPLY AM WHO I AM!
IT'S NOT LIKE I WENT LOOKING FOR POWER!

!!
TOK
THAT SOMETIMES, EVEN AN ACT OF KINDNESS CAN TURN OUT TO BE A CRUELTY
BUT IT'S UNFORTUNATE...
AND THAT'S THE ONE PART OF YOU THAT HASN'T CHANGED
DEEP DOWN, YOU'RE STILL THE SAME AS YOU WERE BACK THEN.
...THINGS WOULD BE SO MUCH DIFFERENT FOR BOTH OF US...
...AND I IMAGINE HOW IF ONLY YOUR HEART HAD BEEN A LITTLE BIT HARDER...
I STILL THINK OF THAT DAY...
SO YOU AND YOUR BROTHER GREW UP IN AN ADEPT COMPOUND, HUH?
YES...
BUT WE RAN AWAY FROM THE CONGREGATION...
...AND FROM THEN ON, WE MANAGED TO STAY HIDDEN.
rustle

IF IT'S FOR HIM, I'LL DO ANYTHING.
ANYTHING AT ALL!
SO PLEASE
SASHA-SAN...
push
grab

ENOUGH
GET OBSESSED
turn
WHAT?
BUT THIS IS ALL I HAVE
YOU CAN DO ANYTHING YOU LIKE
WHATEVER YOU WANT I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU
I ONLY DID THAT TO TEST YOUR RESOLVE
AND YOUR DETERMINATION MADE MY HEART TREMBLE
SASHA-SAN
THAT'S ALL I WANT FROM YOU
I WILL HELP YOU

BACK THEN
...IF ONLY YOU'D TAKEN WHAT I OFFERED
...I COULD AT LEAST HATE YOU NOW
BUT...
IF THAT'S TRUE...
I WISH I'D TAKEN YOU UP ON IT TOO
?!
REEEEE
BECAUSE IF YOU HATED ME
...IT'D BE EASIER TO FIGHT YOU
AT LEAST THERE WE HAVE SOME COMMON GROUND
SASHA

BUT THE TIME FOR TALKING IS OVER
NOW...
...IT'S TIME TO END THIS!
FWOOSH
LET'S DO THIS!
PPPPPP

LET THIS BE THE FIGHT THAT DECIDES EVERY-THING!
TOK
STOP!
WHA-

MY
MY ATTACK?!
-BOOOOM-
MY CHARGE...?
IT WAS COMPLE-TELY
I AM DISAP-POINTED, SASHA
SSSSSSSSSS

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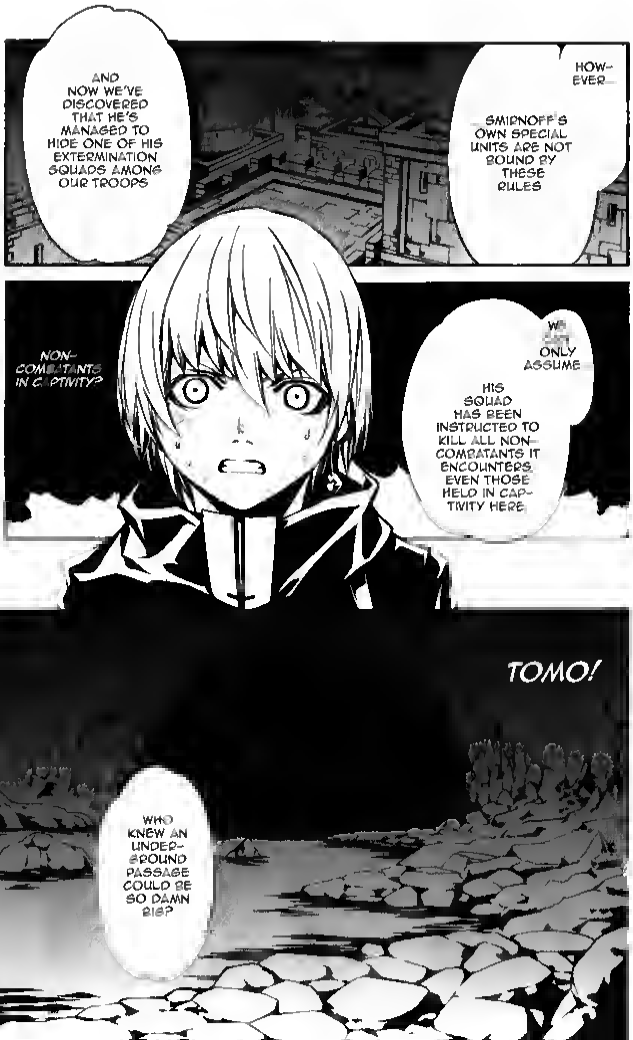
MIRIAM, WHAT THE HELL...?!
YOU SHUT DOWN MY ATTACK TOO?!
step
THE CATHEDRAL!
!!
BOOM

SASHA YOU SHOULD LEAVE
I'M NOT GOING ANY-WHERE, AOI!
HOOSH
TCH! GONE...
BONK
I DON'T GET IT! WHY THE HELL COULDN'T SHE TALK—
OW!
TCH

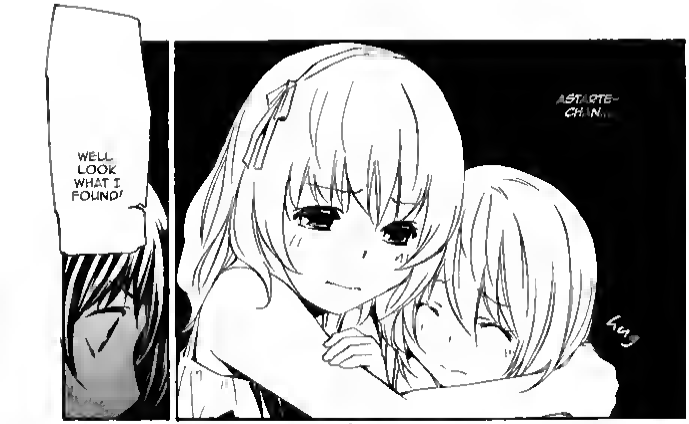
attention!
BEAUSE YOU NEVER LISTEN, YOU SNIVELLING INFANT!
LI...
LITTLE MA'AM ?
THIS...
THIS FEELING...
THIS AURA OF INTIMIDATION
COULD IT BE ?

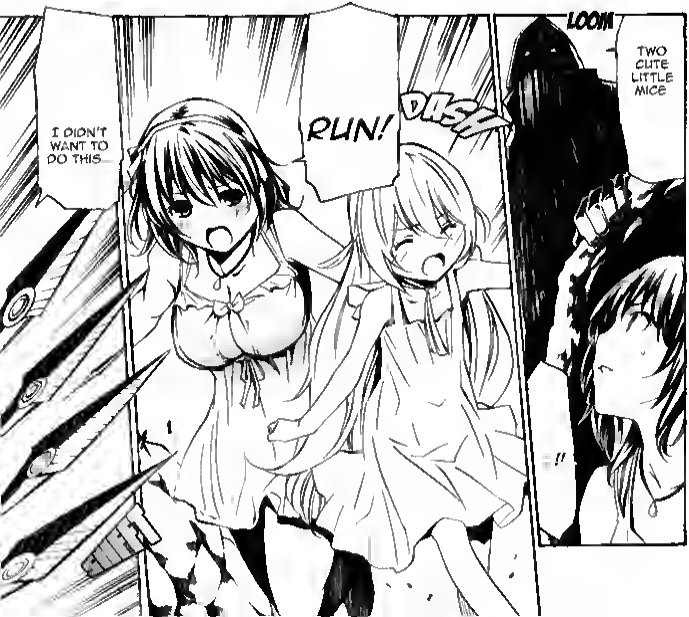
ATHOS'S RULES OF ENGAGEMENT ARE VERY SPECIFIC
ATTACKING AND KILLING CIVILIANS AND NON-COMBATANTS IS ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN
I'M ONLY HERE BE-CAUSE I HAVE SOME-THING VERY IMPOR-TANT TO TELL YOU
IT'S ME SASHA...
EVEN IF THIS ISN'T MY BODY
HUH ?


AND NOW WE'VE DISCOVERED THAT HE'S MANAGED TO HIDE ONE OF HIS EXTERMINATION SQUADS AMONG OUR TROOPS
HOW-EVER...
...SMIRNOFF'S OWN SPECIAL UNITS ARE NOT BOUND BY THESE RULES
NON-COMBATANTS IN CAPTIVITY?
WE CAN ONLY ASSUME
HIS SQUAD HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO KILL ALL NON-COMBATANTS IT ENCOUNTERS, EVEN THOSE HELD IN CAP-TIVITY HERE.
TOMO!
WHO KNEW AN UNDER-GROUND PASSAGE COULD BE SO DAMN BIG?

THAT "FIREFLY" CIRCUIT...
IS THIS ALL IT DOES?
THIS IS IT
BUT WITH THESE LANTERNS FINDING THE GIRLS WILL BE EASY
SOON THERE'LL BE NOWHERE FOR THEM TO HIDE
ting
step

haa
TOMO-CHAN
haa


WELL LOOK WHAT I FOUND!
ASTARTE~ CHAIN
Lucy


LOOM
TWO CUTE LITTLE MICE
DASH!
RUN!
I DIDN'T WANT TO DO THIS

!!
YOU HAVE TO STAND ABSO-LUTELY STILL NOW
THESE BLADES WERE DESIGNED BY THE BORGIA FAMILY
THEY'RE COATED WITH KANTARETTA THE "SWEET POISON"
THWANG
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK

WILL MAKE YOU BLACKEN AND ROT
THAT MEANS EVEN THE SMALLEST SCRATCH
STOP!
YOU CAN DO WHAT YOU WANT TO ME!
BUT PLEASE
PLEASE, DON'T HURT ASTARTE-CHAN!
DON T WORRY ABOUT HER
step
WHY?!
WE HAVEN'T DONE ANY-THING!
SHIT
OUR ORDERS ARE TO KILL EVERYONE WE FIND
AFTER ALL, OTHER THAN THE ASTARTE-GIRL
WORRY ABOUT YOUR-SELF

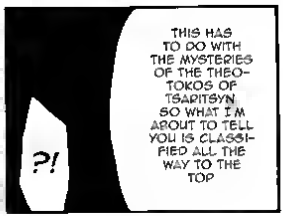
SHINK
INSIDE...?
THIS IS NOT ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE DONE.
IT'S ABOUT WHAT YOU MIGHT HAVE INSIDE YOU...

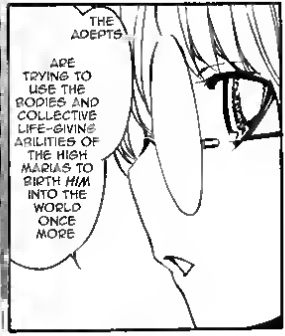
...MAGNOLIA WAS A PLACE WHERE THE ADEPTS FOSTERED THEIR OWN MAGIC, WHO SUPPLIED THEM WITH SUPERIOR SOMA.
IN THE BEGINNING...

ACCORDING TO THE INTEL WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO INTERCEPT
MAGNOLIA WAS GIVEN ANOTHER ROLE ENTIRELY
BUT NOT THAT LONG AGO...
YEAH
I'VE HEARD THAT TOO

Our lord and savior...
...Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
...

THE HIGH MARIAS HAVE BEEN GATHERED HERE
FOR A VERY SPECIFIC PURPOSE
THEY'RE HERE TO GIVE BIRTH


THIS HAS TO DO WITH THE MYSTERIES OF THE THEOTOKOS OF TSARITSYN. SO WHAT I'M ABOUT TO TELL YOU IS CLASSIFIED ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP
?!


THE ADEPTS
ARE TRYING TO USE THE BODIES AND COLLECTIVE LIFE-GIVING ABILITIES OF THE HIGH MARIAS TO BIRTH *HIM* INTO THE WORLD ONCE MORE

tremble
YOU WILL NOT SURVIVE THIS GIRL
WE ARE METEORA
YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT?!
I
I'M NO SUCH THING!
YOU'RE JUST ANOTHER COMMON HEATHEN WALLOWING IN WICKEDNESS AND EVIL!
BUT YOU'RE NOT EVEN A HIGH MARIA, ARE YOU?!
WE PROTECT THE PURITY OF ATHOS!
WE DESTROY HER ENEMIES AND REVEL IN THEIR BLOOD!
!!
TOMO-CHAN!
I'M SORRY MAFUYU-CHAN
WE WON'T MEET AGAIN

SHIFFF
WHAT?!

REEEEEEEE
GGGGG
HAAAA!!
SPANNG
EEEEEEE
IT SHATTERED?!
NO...
IT... IT'S RUSTED STRAIGHT THROUGH!
...NOT ALL!
AND THAT'S
WHIRRRR
WHUMM

WHOOM
SPANG
TWANG
PLINK
stagger

I'M— SOR—
hah
I WAS SLOWED DOWN
hah
JUST DIE ALREADY!
SHK
SHK
SHK
SHK
THUNK
THUD
THK
ROSTAM-KUN!

tumble
THAT WAS STUPID
FORGOT TO ALWAYS PAY ATTENTION
TEACHER'S GOING TO KILL ME
SHKT
THAT LITTLE ADEPT SHIT..
HE SHOWED UP OUT OF NO-WHERE!
DON'T SPEAK!
ring
SHFT
KILL HIM!

!!
BOOM
EEEEEEE

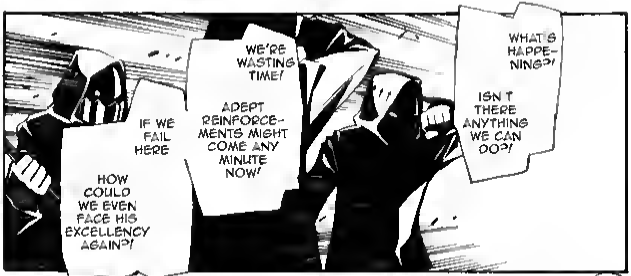
IS THIS...
...THE "MARIA OF THE SWORD"...?
WE'RE NOT GETTING PAST THAT...
EEEEEEE
BUT NO MATTER.
THAT QWASER HAS BEEN POISONED BEYOND ANY HOPE OF RECOVERY ALREADY.
HE'LL DIE SOON.
ROSTAM-KUN!
HOLD ON!
ROSTAM-KUN...
KHH...
NGH
NO, DON'T...!
ROSTAM-KUN!
HIS LIFE...
IT'S RUNNING OUT!
I CAN'T STOP IT!
SOB
WIG

ting
I'M ONLY ALIVE NOW THANKS TO ROSTAM-KUN...
SO IF I CAN...
LIFE...
ROSTAM-KUN...
PLEASE!
slip
LET ME GIVE YOU LIFE...
AND MAYBE...
EVEN WHILE YOUR OWN IS FADING.

...MAYBE I CAN HEAL YOU, EVEN IF IT'S ONLY A LITTLE.

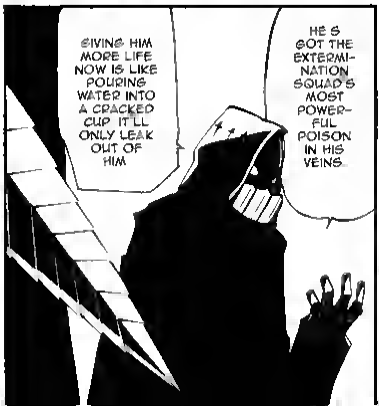
YOU HAVE SUCH A LOVELY HEART...
BUT I'M AFRAID...
...I MUST LEAVE YOU
AH
THANK
THANK YOU
I'M SORRY
I'M
I'M SO SORRY I CAN'T DO MORE!
I...
I WILL!
I'LL HELP!
HELP... ASTARTE-SAMA
THE REST OF WORLDS
HELP HER MAKE THIS

IT'S A SHAME
I WON'T
What


WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
ISN'T THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO?!
WE'RE WASTING TIME!
ADEPT REINFORCEMENTS MIGHT COME ANY MINUTE NOW!
IF WE FAIL HERE
HOW COULD WE EVEN FACE HIS EXCELLENCY AGAIN?!

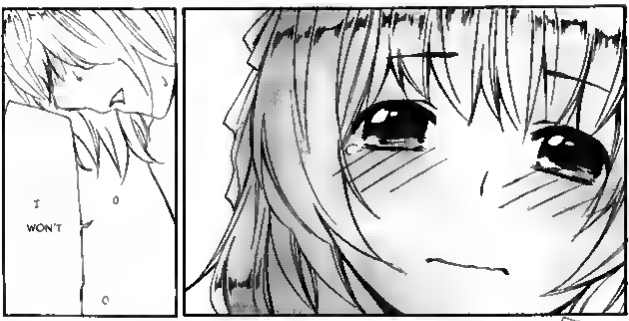
GIRL!
YOUR NAME IS YAMANOBE TOMO, RIGHT?
I'VE HEARD OF YOU
AND YOU'VE GOT ONE HALF OF THE "MARIA OF THE SWORD"

WAIT
THE "MARIA OF THE SWORD"...
I'VE HEARD ABOUT THIS
STAND BACK


GIVING HIM MORE LIFE NOW IS LIKE POURING WATER INTO A CRACKED CUP. IT'LL ONLY LEAK OUT OF HIM
HE'S GOT THE EXTERMINATION SQUAD'S MOST POWERFUL POISON IN HIS VEINS.

DON'T WASTE YOUR SOMA ON THAT BOY
HE CAN'T BE SAVED

ADD TO THAT THE STRAIN OF KEEPING YOUR CIRCUIT UP.
AND I THINK YOU'LL RUN OUT OF STRENGTH SOON.
THE ADEPTS KIDNAPPED YOU, DIDN'T THEY?
THEY BROUGHT YOU HERE AGAINST YOUR WILL.
IF YOU GIVE US THE CHILD, WE'LL HELP YOU.
SO...
LET'S MAKE A DEAL.
AND YOU'LL GET TO BE WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY AGAIN.
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
WE'LL MAKE SURE YOU GO BACK HOME.


I WON'T

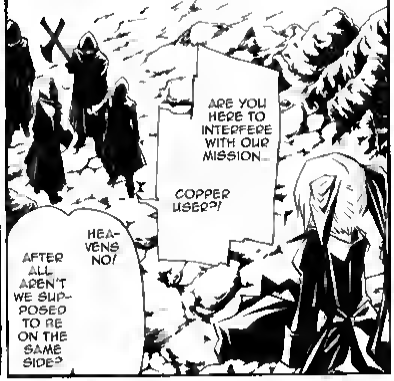
BUT THE ADEPTS ARE SAVAGES!
THEY LIVE ONLY FOR MINDLESS SLAUGHTER AND DEPRAVITY!
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO SIDE WITH THEM?!
YOU HEARD ME
I SAID I WON'T!
I'M NOT GIVING HER TO YOU.
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!

I DO. YOU KEEP SAYING THE ADEPTS ARE EVIL.
I'VE HEARD THEY'VE KILLED A LOT OF PEOPLE...
...AND SASHA-KUN IS FIGHTING THEM ALL THE TIME, SO MAYBE IT'S EVEN TRUE.
clench
BUT
THERE ARE GOOD PEOPLE AMONG THEM, TOO!

...THAT I'D HELP ASTARTE-CHAN
AND I PROMISED ROSTAM-KUN...
shine!
SO I WON'T LET YOU TAKE HER!
?!
OH MY, WHO KNEW YOU'D TURN OUT TO BE JUST AS HEADSTRONG AS SASHA AND MAFUYU?
HAHA!
CREAK

KATJA-SAN?!
AND
HANA-SAN!
YEAH, IT'S BEEN A WHILE, TOMO
YOU SEEM TO BE IN QUITE THE SITUATION YAMANOBE TOMO

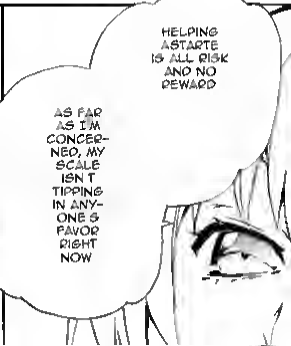
I'M JUST HERE TO WITNESS YOUR NO DOUBT CONSIDERABLE FIGHTING SKILLS AGAINST LITTLE GIRLS!


ARE YOU HERE TO INTERFERE WITH OUR MISSION... COPPER USER?!
HEAVENS NO! AFTER ALL AREN'T WE SUPPOSED TO BE ON THE SAME SIDE?

EHH
BUT KAJA-SAMA SHOULDN'T WE—
GOODNESS HANA...
BUT WHY?

AND BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO GAIN FROM HELPING THESE TWO

BUT YOU'RE NOT FOOLING ANYONE! YOU'RE JUST TOO WEAK-HEARTED TO PICK A SIDE!
HAH! NICE SPEECH, GIRL...
THAT LACK OF CONVICTION WILL LEAD YOU NOWHERE BUT TO THE FILTHY WHOREHOUSE WHERE YOU BELONG, AND YOU KNOW IT!

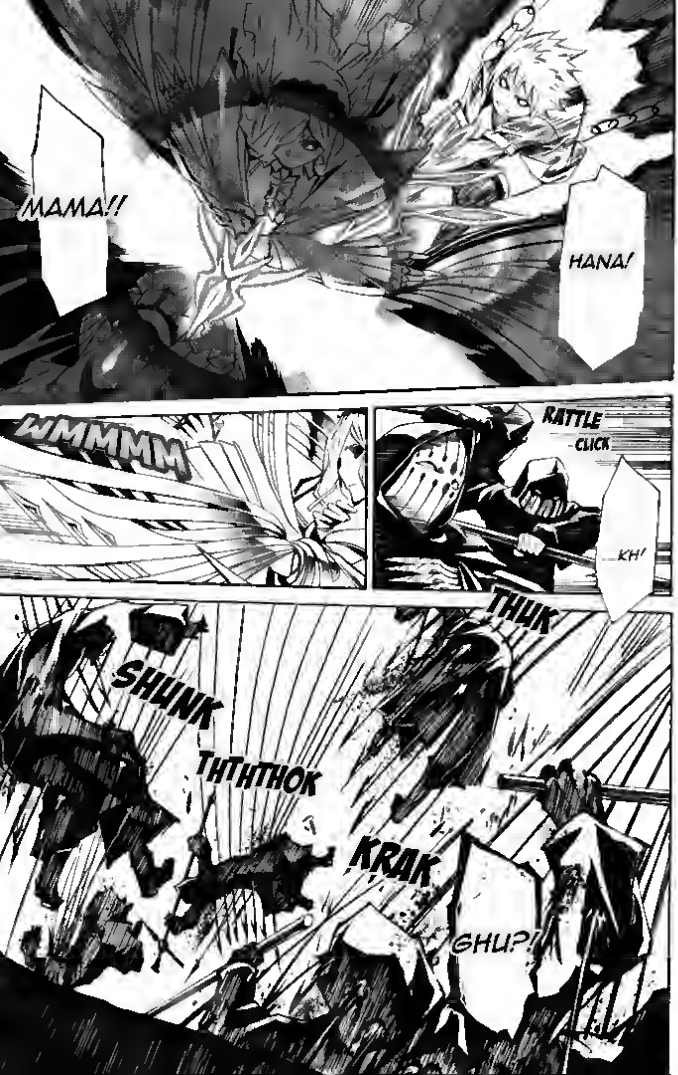

HELPING ASTARTE IS ALL RISK AND NO REWARD
AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, MY SCALE ISN'T TIPPING IN ANYONE'S FAVOR RIGHT NOW

...ALL THEY'VE REALLY GOT LEFT IN THE WORLD ARE THEIR USE-LESS LITTLE DREAMS OF GLO-RIES LONG GONE.
PATHETIC!
BUT THAT'S THE ROMANOVS FOR YOU!
THEY ALL RUN THEIR MOUTHS AND TALK BIG, BECAUSE AS EVERYBODY KNOWS...
MAY BE SHIF-TING
twirl
YOU KNOW, I THINK THE BA-LANCE OF MY SCALE
tremble tremble
turn
YOU...
YOU'RE ONE OF METEORA'S EXTERMI-NATION SQUADS...
...AND METEORA PROCESSED A SMALL VILLAGE IN BAVARIA, GERMANY, A WHILE AGO.
WAS THAT YOU?
TOK
...BUT I JUST REMEM-BERED SOME-THING I WAN-TED TO ASK

I SEE
AND DE-LIVERED EVERY LAST SOUL IN IT BACK TO THE LORD
YES WE PURGED IT WITH FIRE
RAVARIA HUH?

AND WITH THAT I'VE DECIDED

Я приговариваю вас к смерти!
I SENTENCE YOU ALL TO DEATH!


MAMA!!
HANA!
WMMMM
RATTLE
CLICK
...KH!
THUK
SHUNK
THTHTHOK
KRAK
GHU?!

Развернись гром!
UNLEASH THUNDER!
KRAKOOM

TOK
SSSSSha
YAMA-NOBE TOMO
IT'D BE BEST IF YOU TWO CAME WITH ME
WELL...
NOW THAT THAT'S BEEN TAKEN CARE OF...
NO
A BREEZE DOWN HERE? HOW...?
flutter

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